

Why does the FCC not control the situation of media companies (like Pappas Telecasting Companies) donating free airtime to Republican candidates (or any candidate from only one side) in certain areas. This is not a Democratic or Republican issue, this is an issue of using a public resource (the airwaves) to influence the outcome of the elections. If Pappas is going to "donate" airtime to republican candidates, then they should be required to "donate" an equal amount of time to the other candidates in the race. Pappas may try to say that this is equivalent to a cash donation, but it is not! Pappas is a media company. Donating airtime is less of a burden than donating cash.

Pappas uses the public airwaves for free. They are also under a legal requirement to serve the public interest. This action (of "donating" airtime) seems to skirt or even violate that law. This is abuse of the public trust and I am appalled that the FCC has not been dealing with these and other sorts of media access issues.

I expect you, the FCC, to fulfill your duty as a public watchdog and crack down on this sort of abuse. Thank you for your time,
Bronwyn Hogan